

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The United States attaches great significance to the principles of international education and the role that education plays in building and strengthening mutual understanding with our neighbors around the globe; and in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State, the State of Kansas is celebrating International Education Week, November 13-17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, In support of United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's Directive on International Education, I call on the citizens and institutions of Kansas to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities. Celebrations and activities in Kansas and across the United States will provide a forum for promoting the benefits of international education. These activities will demonstrate the strong belief that international education and exchange—public diplomacy—have a critical role in U.S. foreign relations in the new millennium; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 7,000 students from more than 100 countries around the world are now studying in Kansas, and more than 1,000 Kansas students will study abroad this year; Kansas' institutions of higher education participate in a wide variety of exchange programs with similar institutions around the world. As we observe International Education Week, we should take pride in our international education programs, but realize that there is more work to be done. Let us recommit ourselves as a state and as a nation to imparting effective global literacy to students and other citizens as an integral part of their education:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006, as

International Education Week

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Done: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 10th day of
October, A.D. 2006

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Kathleen Sebelius

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Secretary of State

